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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 4, 2021



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## MISSION STATEMENT

*We, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed in the beliefs and traditions of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Through a passion for righteousness and consciousness of duty to God, we uphold the faithful worship of God in our mission to our church family and the Sunnyside Community.*

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## NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 7:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m.

Sundays: 6:45a.m. - 7:15a.m.

9:20a.m. - 9:45a.m.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

## CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Adult Choirs

Judah Choir:

## SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

God's Chosen Choir:

Wednesdays: 7:00p.m.

Combined Adult/Youth Choir:

Wednesdays before 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays: 7:00p.m.

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## ADULT CATHECHISM:

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office for information. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents.

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Please contact a priest a minimum of six months prior to proposed date.

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## NEWCOMERS

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<b>SAT.</b>	<b>07/03/2021</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>07/04/2021</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>
	<i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i>	
	Family & Friends	
	<i>Sr. Sharon Young, OSP (D)</i>	
	M.B. Holland	
	<i>Matilde Fernandes (D)</i>	
	Maria S. Jayakumar	
	<i>Armando Da Silva (D)</i>	
	Maria S. Jayakumar	
	<i>Joseph Mcguh (D) – Maria S. Jayakumar</i>	
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>07/04/2021</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
	<i>Jermaine Walker (D) – Theresa Chambers</i>	
	<i>Ella Collins Reed &amp; Roger Reed (D)</i>	
	Theresa Chambers	
	<i>Irene Hutchins (D)</i>	
	Hutchins & Holdman Family	
	<i>Mary Augustine Chenier (D)</i>	
	Odelia Vallery	
	<i>Provost Family (L) – Mary Provost</i>	
<b>MON.</b>	<b>07/05/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<i>Joyce Berotte (L) – Tywana Navy</i>	
	<i>Joyce Calegon (D) – Paulette Boxie</i>	
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>07/06/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<i>Enola Rabotte (D) – Mary Provost</i>	
	<i>Lillian Randle (D) – Mary Provost</i>	
<b>WED.</b>	<b>07/07/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<i>Ruby Mose (D) – Tywana Navy</i>	
	<i>John A. Peterson (D) – The Family</i>	
	<i>Yvonne Mullone (D) – Sylvia Spencer</i>	
<b>THUR.</b>	<b>07/08/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<i>Monique Clark (D) – Tywana Navy</i>	
	<i>Odele Carter (D) – P.A. Piper</i>	
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>07/09/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Artist DeWalt (D)</i>	
	Ingrid Singleton	
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**Let us Know**

Call the Parish Office when you and/or a family member are ill, in the hospital, or having a surgery so that we can put the name on the sick list for prayers. **After 30 days, please call the office to remain on the prayer list.**

**Lord, we pray for all our current military service members who put their own lives on the line every day in order to protect our families and our country.**

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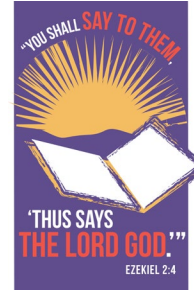
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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Speaking the word of God can be tough. God warns Ezekiel that he will need to speak out against a stubborn and rebellious people. Jesus meets with opposition when preaching in his hometown. Saint Paul speaks of the hardships he faces. Speaking out on behalf of our faith can be as difficult for us now as it was for them then. But we know, like Paul, that we have the power of Christ dwelling within us. As we listen to God's word, let us pray for the resolve we need to give witness to our faith.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday – July 4**

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ezekiel 2:2-5

Psalm 123:1-4

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark 6:1-6

**Monday – July 5**

*Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;*

*Saint Elizabeth of Portugal*

Genesis 28:10-22

Psalm 91:1-4, 14-15

Matthew 9:18-26

**Tuesday – July 6**

*St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr*

Genesis 32:23-33

Psalm 17:1, 2-3, 6-8, 15

Matthew 9:32-38

**Wednesday – July 7**

Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24

Psalm 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19

Matthew 10:1-7

**Thursday – July 8**

Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5

Psalm 105:16-21

Matthew 10:7-15

**Friday – July 9**

*Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest,*

*and Companions, Martyrs*

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30

Psalm

Matthew 10:16-23

**Saturday – July 10**

Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26

Psalm 105:1-4, 6-7

Matthew 10:24-33



The **Bazaar Team** will have the 2021 Bazaar Planning Meeting on **Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00p.m. in the Harris Center. All parishioners are invited.

# RCIA

## Thinking of becoming Catholic?

If you're not a Catholic, or you are a baptized Catholic lacking Confirmation and Eucharist, we invite you to explore the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church and on the Parish Website at [www.sfxhouston.com](http://www.sfxhouston.com)

# ALTAR SERVERS



Altar Server Practice for ALL Servers (New and Seasonal) will resume in August.

**Date: August 7, 2021**

Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm

Place: Main Sanctuary

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## Celebration of Life!



*"Thank you for celebrating our Birthdays"*  
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## Stewardship Reflection

That we generously use our God-given gifts to do the work God has placed us here on earth to do. *"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'"* **Ezekiel 2:2-3** God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.



### BUS TRIP TO COUSHATTA

KPC Ladies Auxiliary Ct. #138 will have a bus trip to the Coushatta Casino on **Saturday, August 7, 2021**. We will start boarding at **7:30am**; Departing from St. Francis Xavier Church at **8:00 am**; Leaving Coushatta at **5:00pm** to return. The cost per person is **\$30.00**. To reserve your seat contact:

**Jeanette Steptoe (713) 733-6210,**  
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### St Vincent de Paul Black Bag Collection

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Black Bag Collection the weekend of July 10-11, 2021. Donations will help their mission of providing food, clothing, furniture, and financial assistance to the working-poor.



**Donald Wayne Sterling** passed away on June 24, 2021, at the age of 74. A Funeral Arrangements are pending at the time of this printing. Eternal Rest Grant unto his soul.



COVID-19 has brought insurmountable anguish to our St. Francis Xavier family. Yes, we buried the dead, however, we have not been able to grieve or spiritually deal with our collective pain. The Parish will dedicate the **July 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Mass** to everyone who died since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic in March of 2020. After the Mass we will gather in the Parish Hall for refreshments. Please plan to join us.

### Did you know that Catholics can make an Act of Spiritual Communion?

When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below:

**A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**  
**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance on June 26<sup>th</sup> & June 27<sup>th</sup> was **281**. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by **69**. Please join us via Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church. Masks will not be required, but they are encouraged.



## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

July 4, 2021

*"Is He [Jesus] not the carpenter, the son of Mary...?"* Mark 6:3

### Faith precedes miracles

The Sunday's Gospel for last weekend (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time-Mark 5:21-43) preceded today's Gospel reading-Mark 6:1-6). In the **Mark 5** passages we see **a woman miraculously cured by merely touching Jesus' cloak. Jesus then restores a young girl to life.** In today's Gospel reading *"[Jesus] was not able to perform any mighty deed there"* Mark 6:5. He was only able to heal *"a few sick people by laying His hands on them"* (Mk. 6:5). What was the major difference between the people who came to Jesus in last week's Gospel and the residents of His hometown of Nazareth? It was revealed in the final line of today's Gospel. *"[He] Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith"* Mark 6:6. The people in Mark 5 **had faith in Jesus** and the people in Mark 6 **did not have faith in Jesus.** Let's look at some lessons from the people who had faith in Jesus versus the people who did not have faith in Jesus.

**First, Jesus did not try to heal some of those people and found himself incapable of healing them.** As one commentary indicated, **few people had faith enough to come to Jesus for healing.** I could see Jesus standing outside of the synagogue, where He just taught the people ready to perform a miracle in their life, but because they only saw Him as a **carpenter**, the Son of Mary, they never approached Him. **Only a few sick people believed** and approached Him. Jesus laid His hands on the few who came and they were healed (Mark 6:6).

*"Faith without works is dead"* (James 2:26). Faith can't be by itself. It has to be accompanied by **works.** In the Gospel reading last weekend, the woman who had been afflicted with hemorrhaging for 12 years, said to herself, *"If I but touch His clothes, I shall be cured"* Mark 5:28. Notice her works. She **touch**ed His garments, and *"immediately her flow of blood dried up"* Mark 5:29. **When you act, you give life to your faith.** Jairus, the synagogue official (also in last

weekend's Gospel) **"came forward"** to ask for healing for his little daughter. Then he,

*"fell at [Jesus] feet and pleaded earnestly with Him." Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live"* Mark 5:23. Jairus **had actions**, to go with his faith.

Earlier in Mark's Gospel, four men brought their paralyzed friend to Jesus. They tore a hole

in the roof of the house where Jesus was teaching. The text said Jesus **saw their faith** and healed the man sick of the palsy Mark 2:5. Jesus saw the **unbelief (not faith)** in the people of Nazareth.


Jairus did not see Jesus as only a **carpenter**, but as **Healer**, who could make his daughter whole. Those who lived with Jesus in Nazareth thought they knew Him. He fixed their tables, chairs, and doors. They ate and drank with His extended family.



When Jesus stepped outside the role they had **boxed for Him**, they still regarded Him as just another workman. Jesus' countrymen failed to perceive God's presence and power in Him.

**Faith precedes miracles.** Jesus did not heal people so they would believe in Him. Rather, Jesus healed those whose faith **drove** them to Him. Their **faith** (Hebrews. 11:1) in Jesus **gave assurance** (evidence) that He had the power to change their lives!

<>< Dcn. Jenkins



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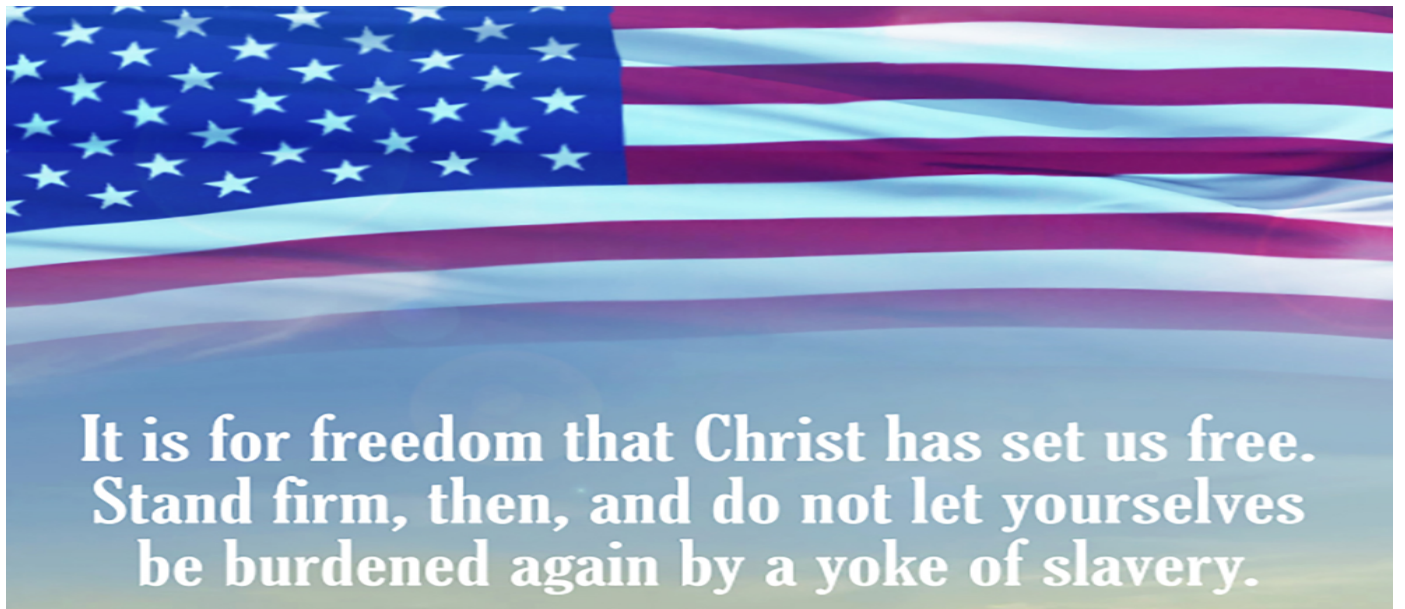
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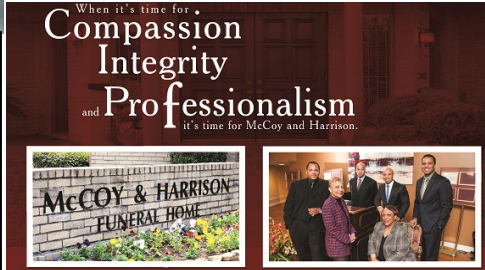
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